



**PITTSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Berkshire County Special Response Team**  
**Lieutenant Matthew Kirchner**

**TO:** Chief Wynn  
Lt. Winston  
Lt. Traversa

**DATE:** September 13, 2017

**RE:** [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Pittsfield

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Sir,

On September 13, 2017 1104 hours, Officer responded to [REDACTED] after receiving information from [REDACTED] stating that [REDACTED] was staying at this address, on the [REDACTED] floor, and was hiding in the attic. At the time of the calls [REDACTED] had an active [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

On September 12, 2017, Officer Klink spoke with [REDACTED] via phone. During that phone conversation, [REDACTED] stated, "Shoot me!" prior to [REDACTED] terminating the phone conversation. Officer Klink advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] refused to [REDACTED] in and was stating that the police would have to shoot [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] was not going to [REDACTED] in. Officer Klink documented this information in a report dated 9/12/2017.

Due to the above statements, as well as the many previous dealings with [REDACTED] in which [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] it was decided that multiple patrol units would respond to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on the residence. Officer Klink contacted me as I was working as the Dayshift Patrol Commander and he advised me of the situation.

I advised Officer Klink that the Berkshire County Special Response Team was [REDACTED] in the City of Pittsfield ([REDACTED]) and based on the information provided and the past dealings with [REDACTED] that the BCSRT would be responding to [REDACTED]. In addition to my duties and responsibilities as the Dayshift Patrol Commander I was also the [REDACTED]. I advised Lt Winston of the situation and that I would be [REDACTED] BCSRT [REDACTED] to the scene immediately to assist PPD Patrol units. Lt Winston agreed and authorized the [REDACTED] of BCSRT personnel.

I arrived on scene a few moments later and [REDACTED] of the scene. Once the [REDACTED] was established, I established an [REDACTED] and utilized the remainder of the [REDACTED] of the residence. Sgt Roccabruna assisted on the exterior of the residence by directing the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Patrol Officers from their [REDACTED].

The IAT consisted of the following personnel:

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1. Ofc Silver- [REDACTED]
2. Sgt Carlotto- [REDACTED]
3. Ofc Cummings- [REDACTED]
4. Deputy Sheriff Gaylord- [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
5. Deputy Sheriff Sanchez- [REDACTED]
6. Deputy Sheriff O'Keefe- [REDACTED]
7. Deputy Sheriff Fields- [REDACTED]
8. Sgt Roccabruna- [REDACTED]
9. PPD Ofc Parise- [REDACTED]

1. Ofc Orsi- [REDACTED]
2. Ofc O'Neill- [REDACTED]
3. Ofc Baker- [REDACTED]
4. Ofc Klink- [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
5. Ofc Hallas- [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]
6. Ofc Smith- [REDACTED]
7. Ofc Nichols- [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]
8. Ofc Salavantis- [REDACTED]
9. Lt Kirchner- [REDACTED]

The BCSRT was preparing to attempt contact with the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the residence when a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] came out from the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I encountered this [REDACTED] in the rear stairwell area of the building and [REDACTED] was obviously [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] hurried to come down the stairwell toward me and was [REDACTED] "[REDACTED] [REDACTED]". The [REDACTED] was checked and confirmed to be [REDACTED]. I then escorted [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the building. I then asked [REDACTED] if "[REDACTED] was in the building and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] indicating yes. I then asked [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who goes by the [REDACTED] of "[REDACTED] was whom [REDACTED] was referring to? [REDACTED] again said "[REDACTED] and asked that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] knew [REDACTED] was talking with the police. I asked the [REDACTED] if any other parties were present in the apartment on the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated, "[REDACTED] [REDACTED] also informed me that [REDACTED] was last [REDACTED] area hiding on what would be the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the building. [REDACTED] stated that this area was accessed from the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] which was located on the [REDACTED] as you [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had a large knife and was threatening to both kill [REDACTED] and the police. [REDACTED] was then escorted to a safe area to standby with patrol officers away from the immediate scene.

Once this information was briefed to the [REDACTED] on scene, and based on the situation at present, I made the determination that we would make a [REDACTED] of the

██████████ the ██████████ and locate ██████████ Officer Nichols made ██████████ way to the ██████████ landing and the door was ajar. We pushed the door the remainder of the way open and I yelled inside the ██████████ repeatedly, "This is the Pittsfield Police Department. ██████████ we have a ██████████." I also yelled to ██████████ telling ██████████ that it was Lieutenant Kirchner and that we would not leave the residence until we made contact with ██████████ I did this based on the fact that I have personally dealt with ██████████ multiple times in the past and have a decent rapport with ██████████ I yelled repeatedly with no response from ██████████

At this time, and based on the fact that there was no response from inside the ██████████ I advised the ██████████ that we would be ██████████ the ██████████ of the apartment. Once inside the ██████████ Ofc Nichols advised that he believed the bathroom was clear and he advanced forward. I then stepped into the small bathroom directly inside the rear door on the right to verify it was clear. It was not until I was physically inside the bathroom that I noticed a door that was almost fully closed. I used my foot and pushed the door open and I could see that it led to a set of stairs that went directly into the attic. I called for ██████████ and Officer Hallas and O'Neil stepped into the bathroom to assist me.

I began to yell into the attic for ██████████ After yelling ██████████ name several times, ██████████ replied back, "Fuck y'all. Come shoot me." I immediately recognized this voice as the voice of ██████████ "██████████ I then yelled out to ██████████ that it was Lt. Kirchner and I was here to help ██████████ I could hear ██████████ and ██████████ voice sounded distant as if ██████████ was across the attic. I then heard ██████████ scurry across the attic to the other side. At this time I directed the ██████████ to ██████████ on the ██████████ on ██████████ while maintaining the ██████████.

Once at the top of the stairs we encountered ██████████ ██████████ was on the opposite side of the attic approximately 20 feet away from us. ██████████ was holding a very large black knife that had a curved blade and it was approximately 12-14 inches in length. ██████████ was holding it at waist level and ██████████ was swaying side to side stating, "I ain't going. You're gonna have to shoot me." I continued to talk with ██████████ for a short time and I was able to convince ██████████ to drop the knife and ██████████ began to de-escalate and comply with most of my requests. I was able to get ██████████ to ██████████ out on the floor and the ██████████ and ██████████ while also ██████████ the ██████████. (i.e.- ██████████ etc..)

██████████ was checked for any additional ██████████ and ██████████ was then escorted out of the residence to a ██████████. I escorted ██████████ to a ██████████ and Officer Steinman transported ██████████ to the ██████████. All PPD Patrol Officers were cleared from the scene.

Sgt Roccabruna and I then checked with all BCSRT personnel on scene and released them from their posts. All BCSRT personnel then cleared and returned to the [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

No [REDACTED] were reported by BCSRT Operators at or during this operation. No property damage was noted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lieutenant Matthew Kirchner